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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
Public Comments  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

My name is James Starkay. I am currently housed within the confines of Buckingham Correctional Center as I have been incarcerated, at this time, for over twenty one (21) years. I would like to make a public comment concerning F.C.C. Docket #96-128.

I respectfully request that the Federal Communications Commission and you, as its Chairman, do any and everything in your power to cap the cost of interstate phone calls from prisons in one state to private residents in another state to a reasonable, affordable

rate. The current exorbitant collect call phone rates prohibit many prisoners, myself included, from making phone calls on a regular basis, if at all. For me to make a twenty (20) minute collect call from the facility I am currently housed in here in Virginia to my friends out in Colorado it costs them at least fourteen dollars and twenty five cents (\$14.25). Such an outrageous rate has prevented me from making any collect phone call to them since the year 2006. My friend, whom I have known since he and I were in the seventh grade together (1986) has a wife, three (3) children, two (2) car payments and a mortgage to contend with which is particularly challenging in our current economic state.

The details of the above situation is important because, upon my release on parole, I will be moving out to Colorado to live with them as I begin my life anew. Remaining close with my friend is of vital importance to my success and will bring after my release as building and maintaining

a strong relationship is critically important to reduce the possibility of recidivism for myself and all men who will be released on parole and reside in another state upon departing the correctional system. 2 I have not heard my friend Travis' voice in over six (6) years now and 2 I dream of the day when he and I are allowed to have a conversation, if only for twenty (20) minutes, at a reasonable rate. Cards and letters are nice to receive, but there is simply nothing like hearing the excitement in someone's voice and their eagerness to reconnect, especially after a prolonged period of silence.

Even with a reduced or capped rate for interstate phone calls Global Tel-Link will continue to operate and function at a high level of profitability, but at what cost? What is the price our families must pay, who have committed no crime? What is the negative effect on those who remain incarcerated as we grow further and further apart from those who love and support us, willing to assist in our transition from prison

to society, particularly those of us who have  
been gone for so long? Please do whatever is  
within your power to reduce the rate of interstate  
collect calls from prison and we all shall  
benefit from the change. With a reduced rate  
I imagine the number of calls made collect to  
other states will increase in volume and the  
phone companies will make an even greater  
profit than they do now.

Thank you for your time and effort with  
this matter concerning FCC Docket #96-128.

Incorry,  
James E. Starker

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cc Docket # 96-128

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Mark Snyder #105982

LAWRENCEVILLE CORR. CENTER

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1607 Planters Rd.

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LAWRENCEVILLE, VA 23868

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to express my concerns about the extremely high phone rates in the Virginia prison system.

My entire family lives in South Eastern Pennsylvania and the rate for me to call home ranges between \$13.00 - \$15.00,

My family struggles to survive and cannot afford to pay outrageous phone bills. My only contact with them is mail & telephone due to them being unable to travel the long distance to visit. I hope that you can see how the practice of prison phone price gouging affects prisoner's families.

We prisoners are the poorest people in this country and it is unfair that the prison system phone companies are being allowed to exploit us and our families. As prisoners our voices and concerns routinely go unheard. We need your voice Mr. Chairman to speak on our behalf. Please help us!

Sincerely,

Mark Snyder

Giant Brendan

Sincerely,

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on our behalf about this issue.  
Thank you very much for your time. Please consider specifying  
dates in prior.

The largest positive influence for someone who is interested is  
this makes it almost impossible for me to speak to my loved ones,  
extremely high rates and our families can't afford them either. All of  
and gas rates being so high. As inmates we can't afford to pay for these  
not afford to travel to Virginia to visit me due to price of plane tickets  
costs close to \$15.00 for a twenty minute phone call. My family can  
The majority of my family lives in Missouri and the phone rates  
metes in the Virginia Department of Corrections.

I am writing to inform you of the outrageously high phone

Dear Chairman Gendrichowski,

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David W. Sawyer #1108944  
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Dear Mr. Chairman Benachowski:

I am writing to see if anything can be done to help myself and countless others with the problem of outrageous phone prices. It is my own fault that I'm here but it is unfair that companies are making millions off of my misfortune. A twenty minute phone call to my family costs close to twenty dollars. I am not as close to my children or grandchildren as I could be because writing letters is not the same as hearing their voices. I'm unsure how anyone can justify my family, who are struggling financially, should have to pay twenty dollars to speak to me. It is unfair and unjust. We do not have anyone to help us with this problem. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
David W. Sawyer

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Chairman Julius Genachowski,

Federal Communications Commission

Public Comments

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing today to express the Severe hardship that high phone rates in the Virginia prison System causes myself and my family.

I am a Father, a brother and a Son. However, due to phone calls from this prison that Cost \$13.00 - to \$15.00 a call I am unable to speak to any of my family on any regular basis.

Due to the economy and high gas prices, I do not receive visits from my family. My only contact with them is on the telephone. They Cannot afford to hear from me.

My Son is 9 years old. I havent spoken to him since he was 3 years old. My family Struggles to just put food on the table. I Cannot bring myself to call him knowing that call could cause my Son to go to bed hungry.

We do write each other but, we all know that is not the same as hearing each others voice. You Cannot hear a

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Smile or laughter in a letter. Writing I love you  
Cannot Compare with hearing Someone Say it to you.

It is well documented that prisoners who keep contact  
with family integrate back into society and are more  
productive than those prisoners who have little to no contact.

I think about how this effects my child. It is no ones  
fault that I am imprisoned but, that cannot be changed. The  
incredibly high phone rates however, can be changed.

I am told the average consumer is charged about 5¢  
a minute for an interstate phone call. In prison we are  
charged upwards of \$1.00 a minute for the same call.

I do not know exactly what prison officials and, in my case,  
Global tel-link are using to justify their high rates but,  
nothing can outweigh the negative effects they have on  
families and society as a whole.

MR. Chairman, on behalf of myself and the tens of thousands  
of prisoners similarly situated, please help us. Please help  
our families.

Respectfully yours,

Donald W. Waters

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RE: Public comment for the Wright  
Petition. C.C. Docket # 96-128

Dear Chairman:

I'm writing in support of the ~~Ridge~~ Wright petition on behalf of inmates such as myself, who are experiencing extremely high phone rates that cause a hardship on my family and others I call, which in turn causes a hardship upon myself and limits my calling ability.

The practice of such high phone rates is down right criminal, and I would know living in prison among many, because it not only includes gouging of phone rates, but also monopolizing the prison phone system — where we inmates have no choice but

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to use the service provider at the rates they set, although other service providers are available with very much lower rates.

There IS NO reason for the extremely high rates they IMPOSE ON US IN PRISON, when there EXISTS an assortment of other providers and methods upon which COMMUNICATION CAN AND DOES HAPPEN, and these other SERVICE PROVIDERS MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL profit without taking advantage of ITS USERS. COUNTLESS COMPANIES throughout history HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED, AND MADE TO CHANGE THEIR PRACTICES — such as AT&T AND STANDARD OIL, to name a few.

Therefore, ~~REDACTED~~ I support the Wright petition and hope a change can be made to end the practice of extremely high phone rates by the Service provider, as well as being able to choose a Service provider of our choice.

Sincerely,

Jason Ortega

JASON ORTEGA #1060893